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SUBJECT: EDX: IVP NOMINATION: SIGRIDUR BJORNSDOTTIR

1. MISSION NOMINATES FOR FY-74 PARTIAL IV GRANT--14 DAYS PER DIEM, NO TRAVEL--MS SIGRIDUR BJORNSDOTTIR, ART THERAPIST GAINING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION FOR HER RESEARCH AND WORK IN USING ART AS THERAPEUTIC METHOD OF TREATING HOSPITALIZED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

2. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DATA. BORN NOV 5, 1929, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. ICELANDIC CITIZENSHIP. EDUCATED AS ART TEACHER, REYKJAVIK, GRADUATING 1952. ART TEACHER, ICELAND, 1952-53. ART THERAPIST IN ENGLAND, 1954-56 AT GR. ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL AND MAUDLELY HOSPITAL, LONDON. ART THERAPIST IN CHILDRENS HOSPITAL, COPENHAGEN, 1956-57. DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, REYKJAVIK, 1957-72. TRAINED QUALIFIED NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHERS AS PLAY THERAPISTS, REYKJAVIK, 1968-72. SINCE 1972 HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED AS ARTIST AND IN INTRODUCING OWN METHOD OF CREATIVE THERAPY HERE AND ABROAD. CURRENTLY WORKING WITH REYKJAVIK HANDICAPPED CHILDREN 16 HOURS WEEKLY.

3. MS BJORNSDOTTIR HAS EXHIBITED FREQUENTLY BOTH AS ARTIST AND AS CREATIVE THERAPIST. ONE-WOMAN PAINTING EXHIBITIONS IN REYKJAVIK 1967, 1968, 1971; STOCKHOLM 1974. GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN COPENHAGEN AND PARIS 1959. MOST CURRENT PAINTINGS ACRYLICS. CREATIVE THERAPY EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS SUMMER, 1973, REYKJAVIK, AT
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XVII CONGRESS OF NORDIC PEDIATRICS; JAN/FEB 1974, KAROLINSKA

SJUKHUSET, STOCKHOLM.

4. SHE HAS BEEN INVITED INTRODUCE CREATIVE THERAPY MAY 29/-
JUNE 2 IN EXHIBITION AT WORLD CONGRESS OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILDRENS
CARE IN HOSPITALS, CHICAGO. THIS CONGRESS, ICELANDIC CULTURAL
FUND, PARTICIPATING IN COVERING TRAVEL EXPENSES.

5. PARTIAL IV GRANT OF TWO WEEKS PER DIEM WILL PERMIT CONSULTATION
WITH COLLEAGUES AND SPECIALISTS AT INSTITUTIONS IN ST PAUL,
BATTLE CREEK, CHICAGO, BOSTON, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT,
NEW YORK DURING PERIOD JUNE 3/20.

6. NO PROGRAMMING AGENCY APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY UNLESS DEPARTMENT
PREFERS. WASHINGTON NOT ON ITINERARY. APPOINTMENTS--MOSTLY IN
TERMS OF SPECIFIC INVITATIONS--EASILY FINALIZED FROM HERE.

7. VISA ELIGIBILITY: NO PROBLEM. HAS NOT VISITED U.S. PREVIOUSLY.
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